External Affairs and the Foreign Secretary.

During the talks, a host of issues, including the UN role in the changing world; UN's activities in peace keeping and peace making; the financing of the UN operations; the democratisation of the UN system; UN's role in international cooperation for development etc., were taken up for discussions. Issues such as Afghanistan and Libya also came up.

The Secretary-General supports active participation by all members of the UN in its deliberations and activities.

Agreement Between India and Ukraine

537. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation has been signed between India and Ukraine;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how this agreement will help the progress of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A framework agreement on trade and economic cooperation between the Governments of India and Ukraine was signed in New Delhi on 27 March, 1992 during the state visit of President Kravchuk of Ukraine. The Agreement, valid for an initial period of 5 years, accords MFN status to both sides and provides for bilateral trade in freely convertible currencies, counter trade, compensation arrangements, leasing and buy-back arrangements. The agreement will promote mutually beneficial economic and commercial relations between the two countries.

Political Asylum for Ousted Afghan President

538. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to abide by the decisions of United Nations on the future of the ousted Afghan President, Dr. Najibullah;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to grant political asylum shelter or temporary stay in India to ousted Afghan President Dr. Najibullah as and when such request is made; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Government are not aware of any decision taken by the United Nations in the matter.

(c) and (d) The question is hypothetical as no such request has so far been received.

उक्रेन के साथ रक्षा संबंधी समझौते

@539. **श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :**

श्री कपिल वर्मा : क्या विदेश मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उक्रेन के राष्ट्रपति की हाल ही की भारत यात्रा के दौरान रक्षा और अन्य क्षेत्रों से सम्बन्धित समझौते किए गए है ; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो इस संबध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फलेरियो) : (क) और (ख) मार्च, 1992 में उक्रेन के राष्ट्रपति की भारत यात्रा के समय राजनीतिक, आर्थिक, वाणिज्यिक, सांस्कृतिक वैज्ञानिक एवं प्रौद्योगिक सहयोग के सम्बन्ध में कई समझौतों पर हस्ताक्षर हुए थे। नई दिल्ली में अपने संवाददाता सम्मेलन में राष्ट्रपति क्रावचुक ने कहा कि सैन्य सहयोग सम्बन्धी विषय व्यापक द्विपक्षीय विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिक सहयोग का एक अंग होंगे। उन्होंने कहा इस प्रकार का सहयोग अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय शान्ति और सुरक्षा के हित में होगा।

@पूर्वत: अतारांकित प्रश्न 429, 30 अप्रैल, 1992 से स्थानांतरित।